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SUPPLEMENTAL EXAMINER'S ANSWER

This is in response to the reply brief filed September 28, 2004.

The supplemental examiner's answer mailed on July 23, 2004 is incorporated by reference.

New Issue

In appellant's Eggert Analysis of claim 16 on page 15 of the September 28, 2004 reply brief, appellant argues that claim 16 is narrower than the surrendered subject matter since claim 16 includes the limitation "the clip connection securing the outer housing to the locking element and joining the inner frame, the outer housing, and the check valve element to the motor vehicle."

This limitation is not narrower than the limitation recited in patent claim 11. The limitation, "the inner frame, the outer housing and the check valve is joined to a support of the motor vehicle through a resilient clip connection", found in patent claim 11 inherently provides the securement limitation of the claimed elements as recited in claim 16 since patent claim 11 also recites that clip connection is on a locking element.

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For the above reasons, it is believed that the rejections should be sustained.

Respectfully submitted,



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